

Buna language

Buna is a Torricelli language of Marienberg Rural LLG, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea.

There are two dialects. One dialect is spoken in Kasmin (4.018975°S 144.060235°E﻿ / ﻿3.84861°S 144.054923°E﻿ / 3.870089°S 144.068112°E), Boig (3.84861°S 144.054923°E﻿ / ﻿3.870089°S 144.068112°E﻿ / 3.88039°S 144.073217°E) villages, and another in Masan, Mangan (3.953676°S 144.239463°E﻿ / ﻿3.953676°S 144.239463°E﻿ / 3.953676°S 144.239463°E), and Garien villages.^{[3][4]}

Morphology

Buna has four noun classes. Noun class concord affixes in Buna are shown in the following examples.^[5]

Class 1

singular (masculine)	plural (masculine)
uri gaba- re do -ko-n	oret gaba- bwe bo -ko-m
person. I .SG big- I .SG I .SG.SBJ-go- I .SG	person. I .PL big- I .PL I .PL.SBJ-go- I .PL
‘The big man went.’	‘The big men went.’

Class 2

singular (feminine)	plural (feminine)
uri gaba- gwe go -ko-ŋ	oret gaba- ?e e -ko
person. II .SG big- II .SG II .SG.SBJ-go- II .SG	person. II .PL big- II .PL II .PL.SBJ-go
‘The big woman went.’	‘The big women went.’

Class 3

singular (class III)	plural (class III)
wan gaba- re na -ti-n	wan gaba- we u -ti-u
banana. III .SG big- III .SG III .SG.SBJ-fall- III .SG	banana. III .PL big- III .PL III .PL.SBJ-fall- III .PL
‘A big banana fell down.’	‘Big bananas fell down.’

Class 4

singular (class IV)	plural (class IV)
kwala gaba- le li -ti-l	kwala gaba- be bə -t-əm
netbag. IV .SG big- IV .SG IV .SG.SBJ-fall- IV .SG	netbag. IV .PL big- IV .PL IV .PL.SBJ-fall- IV .PL
‘A big netbag fell down.’	‘Some big netbags fell down.’

Buna	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Marienberg Rural LLG, East Sepik Province
Native speakers	750 (2003) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Torricelli <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marienberg<ul style="list-style-type: none">Buna</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bvn
Glottolog	buna1277 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/buna1277) ^[2]

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- Paradisec houses a collection of Arthur Capell's materials that include Boiken (AC2 (<http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/AC2>)) as well as recordings by Bill Foley (WF3 (<http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/WF3/items/002>)) and notebooks from Don Laycock's work (DL2 (<http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/DL2>)). All of these collections are open access.

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